

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-8 and 11 were allowed.

Claim 12 was objected to and is hereby amended.

Claims 1-2 and 9-10 are canceled, without prejudice.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 3-8 and 11 are directed to allowable subject matter, and that claim 12, as rewritten by this amendment in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, is also directed to allowable subject matter.

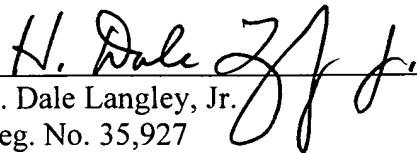
1. Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Kaufman. Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 9 and 10, without prejudice. Applicant cancels these claims solely for purposes of expediting issuance of a patent with the allowed claims. Applicant reserves the right, and intends, to pursue these canceled claims and other claims in a continuation application. The cancellation is not intended to, and should not be construed as, any admission or agreement of Applicant to the grounds of the rejection or otherwise.
2. Claim 12 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicant has amended claim 12 to rewrite it in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for stating that this claim 12 is allowable as so rewritten.

Again, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowances.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, the undersigned attorney for Applicant respectfully requests a call to discuss any issues. The Office is authorized to charge any excess fees or to credit any overage to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1350.

Respectfully submitted,

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